

Issue 37, 08.28.08 Hydrogen Road Tour '08, Fuel Cell Partnership, State Fair and Insect Pavilion



At our booth at the finish line, CDFA chemist John Mough explains how hydrogen fuel will be sampled from dispensers. (Photo: A. Woodfork, CDFA)



A future driver of alternative fuel vehicles waves them in at the Los Angeles finish line of the Hydrogen Road Tour '08. (Photo: A. Woodfork, CDFA)

CDFA was there at the finish line for the California Fuel Cell Partnership's [Hydrogen Road Tour '08](#). This 13-day road trip traveled through 31 cities in 18 states before it ended on August 23. The tour began in Portland, Maine, rolled down the east coast and then headed westward, ending at the [California Science Center](#), Exposition Park in Los Angeles. At the finish line, CDFA hosted a booth in staff from Measurement Standards provided the public with information on testing standards for the quality compliance of hydrogen fuel used in vehicles and farm equipment.

CDFA recently joined 31 organizations as an associate member of the [California Fuel Cell Partnership](#). The partnership includes auto manufacturers, energy providers, government agencies and fuel cell technology companies. Our own [Division of Measurement Standards](#) is helping this new industry establish sampling and quality testing procedures for hydrogen fuel. CDFA has a long history of expertise in assuring the quality and fair measurement of fuels for our state's consumers. I look forward to contributing to this vital partnership for the benefit of all Californians.

Each summer, the [California State Fair](#) provides a festive occasion to celebrate agriculture and to recognize outstanding achievements in that realm. This year I would like to congratulate Al Montna, rice farmer and president of the [State Board of Food and Agriculture](#), and his wife Gail. They are to be inducted into the California State Fair Agriculture Heritage Club. The Montna family has deep roots in this state and has been farming in the Central Valley for a century.

CDFA has a booth at the Fair staffed by our employee-volunteers and is also hosting the [Insect Pavilion](#). This free exhibit seeks to educate the public about the threat to agriculture and our environment from invasive species. The pavilion showcases both live and preserved exotic insects, agricultural pests and other creatures, including butterflies, moths, beetles, tarantulas, wasps, giant scorpions and grasshoppers. I encourage you to stop by for an eye-opening experience.

As always, thank you for your support of California agriculture.

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Families visit the CDFA Insect Pavilion at the California State Fair in August. The educational exhibits featured displays of both live and preserved invasive and exotic insects.
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